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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 August 2007 – 08:00 17 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	3	—	3	All during raids into residential locales
Raids	18	—	18	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 4 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	13	2	15	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	—	1	1	A fishing boat at sea, Rafah
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 3 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	17 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	Request to remove a UXO in Hebron
TOTAL	151	15	166	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bared to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bared, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mu'ammara Mustafa as Salfiti in the old city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil and with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Deir Ibzi' and 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Liqya and arrested 2 civilians, including a university student. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Liqya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Sa'eed 'Assi; and (ii) Mufeed Mahmoud 'Assi. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr Ni'ma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Abdullah Suleiman Abu 'Adi; and (iv) Jihad Hasan Abu 'Adi.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one the junction to the town of Az Zababida and the other at the entrance to the village of Al Jarba, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Yamun. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 04:30.

	<p>(iii) At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, patrolled the area, opened fire, and withdrew at 05:00.</p>
<p>TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 16:50, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 17:00. • Arrests: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested Hamed Khadher Bushnaq.
<p>QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qabalan, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also claimed to have located live ammunition in the possession of the Palestinian security officer. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Balata and 'Askar refugee camps in the city of Nablus and opened intensive fire, while patrolling the area. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the entrance to the town of Qabalan arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdul Salam Nayef Salem, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Ayman Khaled 'Odeh.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:10.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access in both directions.</p> • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the village of Al Jiftlik and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Al Jiftlik: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Isma'il Abdul Hadi; and (ii) Khaled Jamal Abdullah.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al Khadr. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 01:20.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, patrolled the area, and detonated a suspicious object in the area of Wadi al Hariya. At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up 3 checkpoints, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched a number of commercial shops and arrested 2 civilians (brothers).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Kanar in the town of Dura. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Samer Hilmi al Atrash; and (ii) Tamir Hilmi al Atrash; (iii) The Israeli army arrested Nidhal Mohammed Hantash in the village of Kharsa. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 10:45, Palestinian security forces requested (through the DCO) that the Israeli army remove an unexploded ordnance (UXO), located in the area of <i>Al Hisba al Jadida</i> (the “new fruit and vegetable wholesale market”) in the city of Hebron. At 14:35, the Israeli army detonated the UXO.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 16 August 2007, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 08:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 16:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning on 16 August 2007, 8 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At dawn on 17 August 2007, 5 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Arrests/Confiscation of Property: In the morning on 16 August 2007, the Israeli navy arrested 2 Palestinian fishermen from the family of Abu Shallouf as well as confiscated a fishing boat at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah.